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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action dated May 26, 2006, the examiner of the above-referenced patent application requested that the Applicants select the claims of one of three groups for prosecution on the merits. Group I contains claims 1-10; Group II contains claim 11; and Group III contains claim 12. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I for initial prosecution on the merits.

The examiner also has required that Applicants elect a species within the invention selected. Applicants hereby elect the protease of claim 7.

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